

North Straits Salish language

North Straits Salish is a Salish language which includes the dialects of

- Lummi (also known as WLEMI,ĆOSEN, Xwlemi' chosen, xʷləmiʔćósən) (*t*)
- Saanich (also known as SENĆOŦEN, sənčáθən, sénəčqən)
- Samish (also known as SI,NEMEŚ, Siʔneməš) (*t*)
- Semiahmoo (SEMYOME) (also known as Tah-tu-lo) (*t*)
- T'sou-ke or Sooke (also known as ȚOWK, T' sou-ke, ćawk) (*t*)
- Songhees (also known as LEKENINEN, Lə́kʷəŋíhəŋ or Lekwungen or Songish), three speakers (2011)^[3]

Although they are mutually intelligible, each dialect is traditionally referred to as if it were a separate language, and there is no native term to encompass them all.

North Straits, along with Klallam, forms the Straits Salish branch of the Central Coast Salish languages. Klallam and North Straits are very closely related, but not mutually intelligible.

See Saanich dialect for the phonology.

See also

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North Straits Salish	
SENĆOŦEN / Malchosen / Siʔneməš / Lekwungen / Semiahmoo / T'Sou-ke	
Region	Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada; Washington, United States
Native speakers	105 (2016 census) ^[1]
Language family	Salishan <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Coast<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Central<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Straits Salish<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ North Straits Salish
Dialects	Lummi Saanich Samish Semiahmoo Sooke Songhees
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	str
Glottolog	stra1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/stra1244) ^[2]

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External links

- [An Outline of the Morphology and Phonology of Saanich, North Straits Salish](http://www.cas.unt.edu/~montler/Saanich/Outline/index.htm) (<http://www.cas.unt.edu/~montler/Saanich/Outline/index.htm>)
 - [Saanich, North Straits Salish Classified Word List](http://www.cas.unt.edu/~montler/Saanich/WordList/index.htm) (<http://www.cas.unt.edu/~montler/Saanich/WordList/index.htm>)
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